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C O N F I D E N T I A L SAN SALVADOR 1845

E.O. 11652 GDS

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SUBJ: FONMIN VIEWS ON CUBA

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1. IN PRESS INTERVIEW MAY 7, FORMIN BORGONOVO ANALYZED
CANDIDLY EL SALVADOR'S POSITION ON THE QUESTION OF SANCTIONS
AGAINST CUBA. CONTENDING THAT "AT THIS TIME OUR COUNTRY HAS NOT
MADE A JUDGEMENT EITHER IN FAVOR OR AGAINST THE LIFTING OF SANCTIONS,
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THE FORMIN DESCRIBED TWO ASPECTS OF THE ISSUE. FROM THE
JURIDICAL POINT OF VIEW EL SALVADOR BELIEVES THAT THE SANCTIONS CAN
ONLY BE LIFTED BY THE OAS ITSELF AND IN THE SAME MANNER IN WHICH
THEY WERE IMPOSED, I.E., BY A TWO-THIRDS VOTE. AS TO EL SALVADOR'S
OWN INTERESTS, THE QUESTION OF THE POSSIBLE RESUMPTION OF
CUBAN SUGAR EXPORTS TO THE US AND ITS EFFECT ON THE SALVADORAN
SHARE OF THE US QUOTA MUST BE CONSIDERED. ASKED WHAT THE GOES
POSITION ON SANCTIONS WOULD BE IF EL SALVADOR WERE ASSURED THAT
ITS US QUOTA WOULD NOT BE REDUCED, BORGONOVO SAID THAT THE GOES
POSITION WOULD THEN BE DETERMINED BY POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS
SUCH AS THE PRINCIPLE OF NON-INTERVENTION IN THE AFFAIRS OF
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ANOTHER STATE, WHICH, HE ASSERTED, BROUGHT ABOUT THE SANCTIONS

AGAINST CUBA IN THE FIRST PLACE.

2. COMMENT: BORGONOVO STATED PUBLICLY WHAT HE HAS OFTEN TOLD US PRIVATELY, I.E., THE SUGAR QUESTION RATHER THAN IDEOLOGICAL CONSIDERATIONS IS OF FIRST CONCERN TO EL SALVADOR IN THE CUBAN ISSUE. HE AND SUB-SEC CASTANEDA HAVE ALSO TOLD US THAT BASICALLY THEY WOULD PREFER TO DUCK THE WHOLE CUBAN SANCTIONS PROBLEM AND SIMPLY GO WITH THE WILL OF THE OAS MAJORITY.
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